

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held on March 28, 2005; the meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were Chief Al Galinelli, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, Raymond Johnson, Norman Blank, Steve Asselin & Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance were Robert Horton & Scott Little.

Minutes from previous meeting read. Raymond Johnson made motion to accept as submitted; Robert Miner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: . W'9's distributed for snow storm detail.

. Charlie Oliver to walk 5K at Colt Park to benefit American Heart Assn.; asking for sponsorship from each company. Forms distributed.

. Paul McDougal to run substance abuse road race; asking for sponsorship from each company. He would like to put Richard O'Brien's name, together with company names, on the shirt. Forms distributed.

. Boiler/hot water heater certificates distributed.

. CPR cards distributed.

. Chief asked Steve Asselin to make up certificates for first aid class completed March 22nd.

. Memo re: wooden bridge to Tyler Ct. distributed. Since it is only 8' wide with no weight limit posted, no fire or rescue apparatus is to cross bridge; equipment to be carried over.

. Chief gave incomplete run reports to Steve Asselin; they had no

EMT names or other information.

Old Business: . Equipment lists still needed from some companies; please get them to Chief.

. Still in need of some company updated membership listings. All companies are to have keys returned by members who have left.

. Revised department-wide applications reviewed. There will be three; one each for fire department, rescue, and Special Hazards. VFIS form will now be included with application packets. Membership requests are to now go through Chief's office first.

. Chief informed Board rescue personnel, if paid hourly rate, must be paid at minimum wage (\$6.75 p/h); they will also be eligible for workmen's comp through the Town.

New Business: . BCI checks cannot be completed on anyone under 18.

. Steve Asselin asked about a 17 y/o rescue member; Chief informed Steve he cannot drive rescue due to his age, and can only ride along as an observer.

. Chief stated he and Ken McPhillips can no longer submit for grants. Homeland Security & FEMA grants now to be done by Town Planner.

. Leave of Absence - Joe Donato request 6 months; he is getting married. Leave approved.

. Firefighters Memorial Weekend - Oct. 7, 8, & 9; let Chief know if interested in attending.

. Department resignations - Chief stated whenever an individual

submits resignation, they will need to have Board approval if they change their mind after the resignation has been accepted.

Station Reports: . Station 5 kitchen still being worked on.

. Chief wants to have Phil Vieira paint apparatus room at Sta. 6 prior to their April 26th May Breakfast.

. Bill Hodge notified Chief rate for maintenance & repair of department apparatus increasing by \$10 to \$85 p/h; this due to his increase in liability insurance cost. Rescues already being taken to Colony Ford for repairs. Raymond Johnson made motion to go out to bid for apparatus repairs and PM/maintenance. Robert Miner seconded motion, which was unanimously approved. Chief will contact Town Manager about this.

. Eng. 4 no longer registered; tags transferred to Reserve Eng. 1.

. New Eng. 1 in, but needs to go back to Connecticut. Will probably be put into service by May 1st. Raymond Johnson stated Ed Owens should be only individual to train/certify drivers. Brass number "1" to be put on front grill.

. Chief stated whenever mutual aid company called in, someone from this department is to ride shotgun. Chief said he will speak with Tom Gordon about getting off-duty police officer to stand by, if necessary.

Training: . EMT Reimbursements - Chief still has not heard from anyone who owes for re-certification. Norman Blank suggested having solicitor send letters, if necessary.

. FedEx Walk-Through - "Horror show"; only eight department

members showed up. Norman Blank gave letter to Chief he would like to send to all company captains; Chief has no problem with sending. Chief's signature to be added to letter. Mark Oribello set up walk-through for St. Patrick's Day and then worked at Tinker's instead of attending. Norman stated Wednesday night drills have all had poor attendance. Chief informed Norman that Mark Oribello is not to be involved with anything at this point.

- . Updated April calendar distributed.

- . Basic firefighters class ends Sun., April 10th. Practicals scheduled for Wed., April 6th.

- . Chief coordinating with Phil Simmons for a HazMat class.

- . Healthcare Provider CPR classes scheduled for April 11th & 18th; this is needed for Firefighter I.

- . Norman Blank asked about doing a pump class for all new drivers, especially with cross-training. Cut-away pump still at Swansea; Chief will work on this, possibly for May.

- . Robert Horton suggested a drafting drill; Norman stated it is included in up-coming drills.

Other: . Raymond Johnson stated for last few auto accidents Hazards & engine not dispatched. Chief stated he will send memo to policy chief referencing dispatching, and will cc Board members. Chief stated if any Board member feels scenes are dangerous, they are to shut the road down. Chief also advised Board to correct dispatchers on apparatus, if necessary.

- . Chief stated there had been a problem with his being in office to

sign bills, etc. while on sick leave. Raymond Johnson made motion to allow Deputy Chief or his designee to sign bills, etc. in Chief's extended absence. Brian Remy seconded motion, which was unanimously approved. Chief will need to find out if approved needed from Town Council.

. Robert Horton stated Station 6 wants to use some of the funds received in memory of Mo Jolie on the station, in addition to putting up a plaque in his honor. Chief suggested roll-down doors to separate the meeting & apparatus rooms.

. 2005/2006 Budget - Chief stated so far all still in tact, but may change. Chief is to attend Joint Finance Committee meeting in Bristol about the school budget.

There being no further business to discuss, Brian Remy made motion to adjourn; Raymond Johnson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.